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Clerk of the Court
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: ADM File No. 2010-18
Proposed Amendment of Rule 6.1 of Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are writing on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan Family Law Council, which is the governing body of the State Bar Family Law Section, on the proposed amendments to MRPC 6.1, the pro bono ethics rule. The Family Law Council has voted, by 11-6, in support of Alternative B (the State Bar proposal) of the versions of the rule published by the Court.

The Council recognizes that there are inadequate state and federal resources to meet the civil legal needs of the poor. An important tool in addressing this gap involves encouraging the volunteer work of private attorneys on behalf of low-income clients. Proposal B best performs this task.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-Chairs, Court Rules Committee
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